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September 9, 1947, that we re-affirm our support of H. R. 2721, requiring management of upper Mississippi navigation facilities and maintenance of pool levels with consideration for the needs of fish and other wildlife resources and we urge prompt enactment of that bill by Congress.

18. **Regional Meetings of Migratory Bird Regulators Held by U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual meeting assembled at Denver, Colorado, September 9, 1947:

We believe that the regional meetings held by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service with state game and fish or conservation officials, representatives of sportsmen's organizations, and others interested, as proposed by a resolution of this Association adopted at the 1946 convention, for consideration of proposed migratory bird regulations have been of great benefit in disseminating information of conditions affecting migratory game birds, promoting a better understanding of the problems of management and regulation, and enlisting the cooperation of state agencies, sportsmen and the public in a sound, long-range program for conservation of such birds.

We therefore strongly recommend that the practice of holding such meetings in each of the recognized waterfowl flyways of the country be continued.

19. **Taylor Grazing Lands**

Whereas the public lands of the western states embrace a large percentage of our remaining natural resources; and

Whereas such lands are indispensable for watershed protection, timber production, and recreation; and

Whereas special interests have submitted proposals for legislation that would make the sale of federal grazing lands to present lessees and permittees mandatory by law, to the exclusion of the general public, and without regard for other public values;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners is unalterably opposed to the sale of Taylor Grazing Lands, National Forest Reserves, or any other public domain to any individuals for special interests.

20. **S. 33 — the McCarran Bill**

Whereas the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners feels that the policy of the U. S. Forest Service has been dedicated to the proper utilization of the soil; and

Whereas it is felt that the U. S. Forest Service has, in general, exercised its duties to the best interest of the public as a whole; and

Whereas it is also felt that the present organization has in effect made such a policy of equitable land management possible;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners opposes the passage of S. 33 (the McCarran bill), such bill being designed to materially alter and restrict the present management and administration of the national forest grazing lands, and to further establish vested rights in a certain few by virtue of their so-called seniority in the use of public lands, despite the fact that use by wildlife antedates all other uses.

21. **Honorable Raymond H. Burke**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the thanks of the Association be given to Honorable Raymond H. Burke of Ohio, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources, for his presence here at the convention and for his splendid service in the Congress in the interest of the conservation programs affecting soil, water, forests and wildlife.

22. **Appreciation of Courtesies**

Whereas the State of Colorado, the City of Denver, and the Colorado Game and Fish Department, as host to the 37th annual convention of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners at Denver on September 8 to 10, 1947, have welcomed this gathering with the splendid hospitality characteristic of the great Rocky Mountain region, and have provided excellent accommodations and outstanding entertainment for the convenience and enjoyment of the delegates and guests:

Therefore be it resolved that we extend our sincere appreciation for these arrangements to the Director and staff of the Colorado department